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1. There was an airfield west of SUMGAIT (49°37' E/40°33' N), Azer-
baidzhan SSR, west of the village of NAZOSNIA (49°33' E/40°36' N),
and west of the BAKU-DEMBENT railroad line. The field almost
bordered the 1,500-foot mountain to the west. N-S dimension:
About 8,300 feet. E-W dimension: About 5,000 feet. The field
presumably had two concrete runways, which may have had a
length of about 6,600 feet.
2. There were two or three hangars on the western edge of the field.
The aircraft dispersal area was also located there. Three-
story solid stone buildings in NAZOSNIA were allegedly occu-
pied by Soviet officers. There were fewer officers and sol-
diers in this village in 1947 than in 1948.
3. The field was occupied by about a hundred aircraft, including:
 - a. Twin-engine bombers with angular double-trapezoidal wings,
slim fuselage, retractable landing gear.
 - b. Jet fighters with short, angular, and sweptback wings,
plump looking fuselage without propeller, very fast, flying
with a high-pitched howling tone, metal-colored paint.
 - c. A single-engine biplane.
4. There was a great deal of day and night flying.
5. Antiaircraft gun emplacements were observed around the entire
field, particularly on the west. Gun fire was heard daily.

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Report generally confirmed available information on the loca-
tion, condition, and occupation of the field. Until now it had
not been stated in the many reports (also of 1948) on this air-
field, which were confirmed in many points, that jet fighters

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were stationed at the field. The observation of a swept-back fighter seems doubtful as such a type would have also been noted [redacted] Before a definite comment can be given, more descriptive and, above all, more precise data on this type are required. Particularly desired is a statement on the fitting of the turbine (either at or in fuselage). If the jet fighter type should be confirmed, the production of the 1947 SUKHOI type may be inferred.

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